General Secretary to Government.—

Lady graduates are employed whenever there are vacancies suitable for them.

Srimati Sakamma.—

Is it not right that lady graduates should be preferred for appointment whenever vacancies occur?

General Secretary to Government.—

Yes, but only in case of appointments for which ladies are fitted.

Srimati Sakamma.—

Why are ladies not appointed in certain departments at all, such as the Police Department? Are not some ladies appointed in the Bombay Police Department?

General Secretary to Government.—

Luckily for Mysore, conditions are not the same as in Bombay.

MR. G. GIRIMAJI RAO (Kolar Taluk).—

Q.—19. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) When was it that the people known as 'belonging to backward community' were classed as such?

(*b*) What is the percentage of literates which goes to determine whether a particular community is backward or not?

(*c*) What were the facilities created to such backward communities?

(*d*) If educational facilities were created, what is the increase in the literates among them after the creation of such facilities?

(*e*) Which are the backward communities that have become forward in education and can now be classed among the forward communities?

(*f*) What will be the savings that can be expected by removing the educational facilities that have been provided to the backward communities that have now become forward in education?

GENERAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—19. (*a*) In 1917.

(*b*) Any community which has less than five per cent of its total population literate in English is reckoned as backward.

(*c*) Award of scholarships in all stages of education except in the primary grade.

(*d*), (*e*) and (*f*) The information can be furnished only after the latest Census figures are published.

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr. G. Girimaji Rao.—

With reference to the answer to Sub-Sections (*d*), (*e*) and (*f*), may I ask whether the Census operations are not over and the information could not have been collected and furnished ?

General Secretary to Government.—

The Census Report has not yet been received.

Mr. G. Girimaji Rao.—

Is it not a fact that more than five per cent of the Lingayets and Mussalmans in the State have derived the benefits of education ?

General Secretary to Government.—

Government are not in a position to say anything on that point until the report is received.

Mr. G. Girimaji Rao.—

When do they expect to receive the Census Report ?

General Secretary to Government.—

Shortly.

MESSRS. R. P. RAJANNA (Goribidnur Taluk) and VENKATASAMI GOWDA (Malur Taluk).—

Q.—20. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) What are the places where irrigation pumps have been erected by the Electric Department ?

(*b*) How many such pumps have been erected in each taluk ?